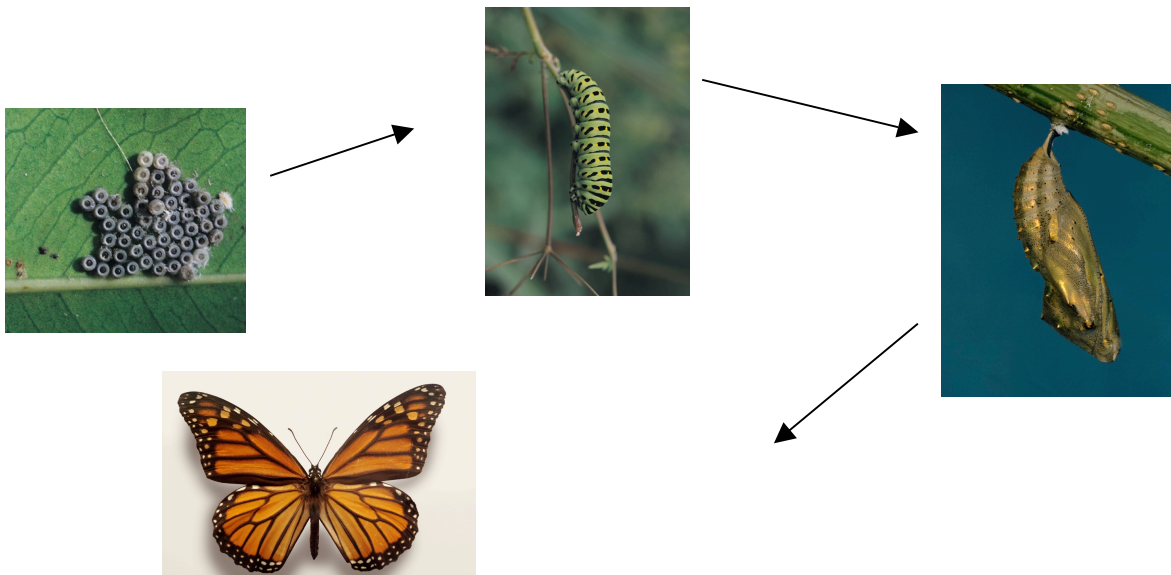


Butterflies and Moths

How is a butterfly like a moth? Both are flying insects with either brightly colored wings or wings with very interesting designs. Both sip nectar from flowers using tubes that curl up when not in use.

Both moths and butterflies also develop in four stages: egg, caterpillar, cocoon or chrysalis, and adult. In fact, butterflies and moths are so similar that they are the only insects whose wings are covered by scales.

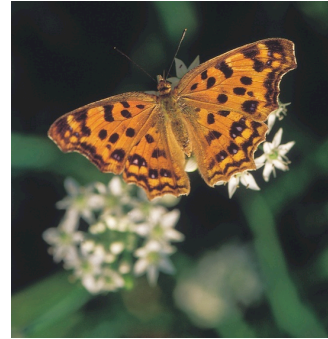


However, butterflies and moths are also very different. Some of those differences are plain and simple. Butterflies are the beautifully colored summertime insects flying from flower to flower during the day. Moths, on the other hand, are the beautifully colored summertime insects flying around at night. Often, moths will fly circles around streetlights because they are drawn to any form of illumination.

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Butterfly at rest.



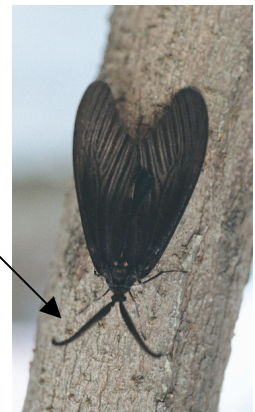
Moth at rest.

Another apparent difference between butterflies and moths is the way they position their wings while resting. Butterflies hold their wings vertically above their backs, like hands pressed together, palm to palm. Moths, on the contrary, generally spread their wings horizontally to their sides, as if drying them in moonlight.

Butterfly antennae – plain and threadlike ending in bulbs.



Moth antennae – feathery, no bulbs at tips



Finally, there is one difference between butterflies and moths that is not quite so easily seen. The antennae of butterflies are plain thread-like strands ending in little bulbs while the antennae of moths look like thin feathers with no bulbs at the tips.

Butterflies and moths are two of nature's most diverse and beautiful insects. How lucky for us that during the summer we can see one or the other of them during the day or at night.

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Answer Key – Butterflies and Moths

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